

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Upon entry of the foregoing amendments, claims 1-35 and 37-171 are pending. Claim 36 has been canceled without disclaimer of any subject matter therein. Applicants reserve the right to file continuing applications directed to any unclaimed subject matter disclosed in the present application.

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, Applicants submit an abstract showing deletion of the entire original abstract by strike-through of the original text, and underlining of the added text in the new portion. A status identifier for claim 133 has been added.

Since Applicants' response adopts all of the Examiner's suggestions, the response is a *bona fide* attempt to be fully responsive to the Notice. Applicants believe that the application is in condition for allowance. A notice to this effect is solicited.

For the Examiner's convenience, Applicants have copied below the body of the remarks from the earlier-filed response.

I. All Pending Claims are Allowable

On page 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner indicates that claims 1-35 and 37-171 are allowed. Therefore, to further this case to issuance, and not in acquiescence to any rejection, claim 36 has been canceled. Accordingly, Applicants believe that this case is now in condition for allowance. A Notice to this effect is solicited.

II. Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) is Moot

The amendment submitted herewith cancels claim 36. Applicants have submitted this amendment merely to facilitate issuance of the allowed claims. The rejection of claim 36 has thus been rendered moot.

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III. Other Matters

At page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner objects to the Abstract because it does not recite process steps. In response, Applicants submit a replacement Abstract that includes process steps.

At page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner states that the IDSs submitted have been reviewed and considered.

CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that all of the issues in the Office Action have been addressed. For the reasons stated above, each of pending claims 1-35 and 37-171 are allowable. If there remains any impedance to allowance of any pending claim, Applicants request a telephone call from the Examiner to the undersigned attorney so that the issue can be timely resolved.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

Respectfully submitted,

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